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Via ECF

The Honorable Jennifer H. Rearden United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Martin Handler, 23 Cr. 004 (JHR)

Dear Judge Rearden:

We respectfully submit this letter in response to the Court's Order (ECF 483) directing Mr. Handler to provide a description of the proposed testimony of Minister Sharinatl Ingram-Arrington and Pearl Handler. In the event the Court denies Mr. Handler's motion to declare the government in breach of the parties' plea agreement, we expect the witnesses to testify as set forth below.

Minister Ingram-Arrington is the principal of Beanstalk Childcare Academy and a long-time colleague of Mr. Handler. As the Court is aware, in June 2024 she submitted a letter in support of Mr. Handler for sentencing. Minister Ingram-Arrington would like to elaborate on some of the topics in her letter, including Mr. Handler's efforts to improve the childcare centers that he ran though physical improvements to the facilities, teacher retention, and program upgrades, and the tremendous impact those efforts had on the community. In addition, after Mr. Handler's upcoming sentencing became known to the community, Beanstalk families reached out to express support for Mr. Handler and to share personal stories of his generosity and commitment to the children. On behalf of the families, she would like to share those stories with the Court.

Pearl Handler, Mr. Handler's eldest daughter, submitted a letter in April 2024 to the Court. She would also like to elaborate on some of the topics in her letter and provide an update covering the last six months, addressing her father's post-plea acceptance of responsibility, commitment to repaying his debt to society, and efforts to start a new chapter in his life. We believe the testimony of both will help the Court evaluate the sentencing factors under § 3553(a).

We thank the Court for its consideration.



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Respectfully submitted,

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